

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Palos Verdes District.	Application 03-01-034 (Filed January 31, 2003)
Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Oroville District.	Application 03-01-035 (Filed January 31, 2003)
Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Selma District.	Application 03-01-036 (Filed January 31, 2003)
Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Dominguez District.	Application 03-01-037 (Filed January 31, 2003)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
FOLLOWING FINAL PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

The final prehearing conference was held in this proceeding on Friday, October 10, 2003. The following parties and counsel made appearances: Greg Bowling, attorney, for California Water Service Company; and Monique Steele, attorney, for Office of Ratepayer Advocates.

In their prehearing conference statement and oral statements, the parties indicate they have reached a full and complete settlement of all issues raised by the four applications and pleadings in this consolidated proceeding.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The parties shall file and serve their motion for adoption and proposed settlement, as required by Rule 51.1 & 51.3, on or before October 23, 2003.
2. A hearing on the proposed settlement, not exceeding one day, will be held commencing on Tuesday, October 28, 2003, in the Commission Courtroom, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California. Exhibits will be marked commencing at 8:30 a.m. Parties shall complete and bring exhibit logs for the exhibits they intend to offer. The hearing will commence as soon thereafter as a court reporter is available or 10:00 a.m., whichever is earlier.
3. The hearing on the merits of the applications in this consolidated proceeding, previously scheduled for Monday-Friday, October 27-31, 2003, is VACATED pending further ruling.

Dated October 14, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JOHN THORSON
by STEVEN KOTZ

John Thorson
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Following Final Prehearing Conference on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated October 14, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ HELEN FRIEDMAN
Helen Friedman

N O T I C E

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